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Congressman John E. Moss (D., Cal.), Chairman of the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee, today announced that President Lyndon B. Johnson has set up an inter-agency committee to study the use of polygraphs as "lie detectors" by the Federal Government.

Congressman Moss said he has been informed by John W. Macy, Jr., Chairman of the United States Civil Service Commission, that Macy will head the inter-agency committee. Kimbell Johnson, head of the Commission's Bureau of Personnel Investigations, will coordinate activities of the inter-agency committee. Other committee members are to be announced.

President Johnson's decision to establish the government-wide committee on "lie detectors" carries out a recommendation in a March 22, 1965 report of the House Government Operations Committee that the President "establish an inter-agency committee to study problems posed by the Federal Government's use of polygraphs and to work out solutions to those problems."

"A series of hearings and investigations by my Subcommittee disclosed that there is no such thing as a valid 'lie detector', yet Federal agencies are spending nearly \$5 million a year to operate the electronic gadgets," Congressman Moss said. "We found that completely unqualified operators were using the gadgets in all sorts of Federal investigations -- minor criminal cases and major security matters. And they were spying through two-way mirrors and hidden microphones on individuals subjected to 'lie detector' tests."

"Following our report, the Defense Department took the first steps to control the misuse of the so-called 'lie detector', and I am confident that the new inter-agency committee will -- as the barest minimum -- require all Federal

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